



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 3, 2014

H.R. 5492 **Inspector General Empowerment Act of 2014**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
on September 17, 2014*

SUMMARY

H.R. 5492 would authorize the appropriation of \$68 million over the 2015-2021 period for the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE).

Based on information from selected Inspector Generals (IGs) and assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5492 would cost \$44 million over the 2015-2019 period. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 5492 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary effect of H.R. 5492 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within all budget functions that have spending on IGs.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2015- 2019
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level ^a	8	9	9	10	10	46
Estimated Outlays	6	9	9	10	10	44

a. H.R. 5492 also would authorize the appropriation of \$11 million in each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 5492 will be enacted before the end of calendar year 2014, that the authorized amounts would be provided as specified in the legislation, and that spending will follow historical patterns for salaries and expenses. Based on information from selected IGs and the CIGIE regarding their current operations, and assuming the appropriation of the specified amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$44 million over the 2015-2019 period and \$24 million thereafter.

The Inspector General Act of 1978 established independent inspectors general within federal agencies that are responsible for conducting and supervising audits and investigations; promoting economy, efficiency, and effectiveness; and preventing and detecting fraud and abuse in government programs and operations. The mission of the CIGIE is to investigate allegations against IGs and to coordinate government activities to prevent fraud in federal operations and programs. The Council receives no specific appropriation but is funded by transfers from the various IGs. In fiscal year 2013, the CIGIE spent \$6 million.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 5492 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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